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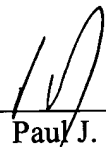
1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-308428, dated November 5, 1999;
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The references were cited in an Official Action dated August 26, 2003, received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a translation of the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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